



Wisconsin Food Security Project

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The Wisconsin Food Security Project provides up-to-date county and state-level statistics about food security, economic well-being, and the availability and use of public and private programs to increase access to affordable and nutritious foods.

Through an interactive website, the Wisconsin Food Security Project allows users to create customized county profiles containing a wide range of indicators. Profiles can include comparisons to individual counties, groups of counties, and/or the whole state. Indicators are available in the following areas:

- **Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs** ... including data on the availability and use of the Food Stamp Program; the Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations; Elderly Nutrition Programs; School Breakfast and Lunch Programs; and Summer Meals;
- **Food Production and Marketing** ... including data on the availability of community food programs that target low income families;
- **Community Infrastructure** ... including data on the availability of local coalitions to address hunger and food insecurity;
- **Economic Indicators** ... including data on employment, earnings, income, poverty, household characteristics, housing and transportation.

The Wisconsin Food Security Project is designed as a resource for local Hunger Prevention Councils, public and private agencies, Extension educators, legislators, the media, and the general public.

The project is a collaboration between University of Wisconsin — Extension and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS). County data are provided by public and private agencies including the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the UW Applied Population Lab, UW Extension, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee, the Wisconsin Women's Network, SHARE of Wisconsin and Fare for All. The Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP) helped to identify and collect these data.

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WISCONSIN FOOD SECURITY PROFILE (2001)

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS			
FOOD INSECURITY AND HUNGER		INCOME AND POVERTY	
Food insecurity rate (households) ^{AA}	8.8%	Poverty rate*	8.7%
Hunger rate (households) ^{AA}	2.5%	Child poverty rate*	10.8%
Food insecurity rate — WIC clients ^A	44.0%	Median household income*	\$43,791
Hunger rate — WIC clients ^A	19.0%	HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS	
EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS		% nonelderly adults with disability**	14.9%
Unemployment rate	4.6%	% families headed by single mother**	9.3%
Self-sufficiency wage*	n/a	HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION	
Median earnings — male fulltime, full year workers	\$37,062	% of renters paying at least 35% of income in rent**	24.7%
Median earnings — female fulltime, full year workers	\$25,865	Median rent**	\$540
		% of household with no vehicle**	7.9%
FEDERAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS			
FOOD STAMPS		SCHOOL BREAKFAST	
Total participants during year	365,406	<i>Availability</i>	
Child participants	188,681	# children in participating schools	378,208
% of population participating	6.8%	% of lunch sites serving breakfast**	45.6%
% of children participating	13.8%	% of high poverty lunch sites serving breakfast**	86.6%
Participants per 100 poor persons	80.90	% of children approved for free or reduced price meals who attend school with breakfast	57.0%
# application sites	116	<i>Participation</i>	
ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAMS		Average daily participation (ADP)	58,224
# congregate meal sites**	610	ADP free-reduced price breakfast	42,628
# congregate meals served**	2,767,788	ADP in breakfast relative to lunch	11.4%
Congregate meals per 1000 elderly**	3,939	ADP in free and reduced price breakfast relative to lunch	25.0%
# home-delivered meals served**	2,629,108	Average participation rate in free and reduced price breakfast, among eligibles	30.2%
Home meals per 1000 elderly	3,742	SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM	
SCHOOL LUNCH		Number of sites serving meals	398
<i>Availability</i>		Average daily attendance	28,371
# children in participating schools	925,708	Attendance to summer meals relative to free - reduced price lunch	16.6%
<i>Participation</i>		WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)	
Average daily participation (ADP)	511,354	Total participants during the year	186,760
ADP free and reduced price lunch	170,467	% of eligible persons participating	68.3%
Average participation rate in free and reduced price lunch, among eligibles	68.8%		
<i>School Characteristics</i>			
High poverty lunch sites**	21.9%		
% of children approved for free or reduced price lunch	26.8%		
FOOD PRODUCTION AND MARKETING			
FARMERS MARKETS		PROGRAMS FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES	
# markets & farm stands in WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program ^A	169	Community-supported agriculture program with low income access	5
# Markets in Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program	41	County has community gardens targeting low income households	23
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND NUTRITION EDUCATION			
Hunger Prevention Council	21	WI Nutrition Education Program	58

Variable from 1999* Variable from 2000**

Variable from 2002^A Variable from 1998-2000^{AA}